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Gov. Perdue Proclaims National AmeriCorps Week

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that North Carolina AmeriCorps members will participate in a variety of service projects and activities to celebrate National AmeriCorps Week, May 8-15. The governor also signed an <u>AmeriCorps Week proclamation</u> to thank program members and dedicate this week in their honor.

"National AmeriCorps Week is an opportunity to honor AmeriCorps members and alumni for their community service in North Carolina," said Gov. Perdue. "I encourage all North Carolinians to volunteer in their communities and learn more about AmeriCorps."

Approximately 22,923 participants are currently engaged in more than 90 national service projects including AmeriCorps across the state. In 2009, the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service awarded \$3.2 million to 14 statewide AmeriCorps programs, including \$891,387 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. National AmeriCorps Week is sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The week is an effort to recognize AmeriCorps members, alumni and community partners and to encourage others to join AmeriCorps or volunteer in their communities. This year's theme is "Getting Things Done," and the following N.C. programs are organizing various service projects and events to commemorate the week:

• <u>Capital Area Workforce Development, Access JobLink and City of Raleigh VISTA:</u>
Access JobLink members will set up a table at the entrance to the Cameron Village regional library in Raleigh and distribute information about AmeriCorps and discuss service opportunities with patrons. Activities will take place May 10 and 15 from 2:30